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SUBJECT: GOP ANGOLAN POLICY

1. DURING COURTESY CALL SEPT 30 WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAINGEN ON ACTING FONOFF SYG MAGALHAES CRUZ, I ASKED IF GOP HAD MOVED ANY FURTHER IN RESTORING ALVOR AGREEMENT.
 2. MAGALHAES CRUZ CONFIRMED WHAT BOTH COSTA GOMES AND MELO ANTUNES HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD ME, I.E. THAT GOP POLICY WAS NOW TO RESTORE ALVOR AGREEMENT. HE SAID MELO ANTUNES, AS THE ARCHITECT OF THE ALVOR AGREEMENT, WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN BRINGING THE THREE PARTIES TOGETHER. GOP DID NOT INTEND TO TURN OVER THE COUNTRY TO ONE FACTION.
 3. NEVERTHELESS, MAGALHAES CRUZ SAID, HE SAW LITTLE BASIS FOR OPTIMISM. GOP WAS AWAITING THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S (OCTOBER 1) MEETING IN KAMPALA BEING ATTENDED BY LT. COL. COSTA GRAZ (FORMER MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND A SUPPORTER OF THE ANTUNES NINE), BUT POSSIBILITY OF ANY KIND OF AGREEMENT SEEMED SLIGHT. MAGALHAES CRUZ OBSERVED THAT GOP LACKED MILITARY RESOURCES AND AUTHORITY TO TAKE ACTION IN LUANDA
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AND SAID HE SIMPLY SAW NO WAY OUT OF THE PROBLEM.

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